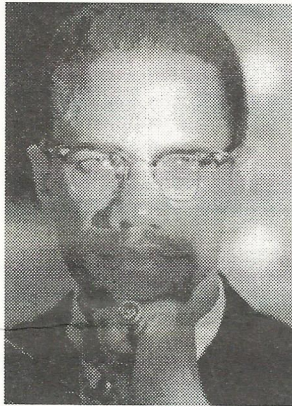


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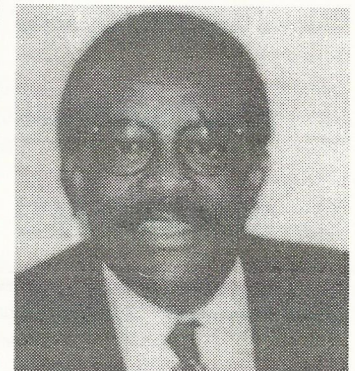
*Shining Star - Hero - Teacher - Leader  
Born - May 19, 1925*

### **Lessons taught by Malcolm:**

1. Self-reliance / do for self
2. Know oneself / know our history
3. Build economic bases
4. Know your enemy
5. Defend yourself
6. Unity
7. Think for yourself / speak for yourself

## **ABNER LOUIMA - Two New York Cops Guilty of Torture - June 9, 1999**

Officer Charles Schwarz, 33, was convicted of beating Abner Louima, 32, inside a police station bathroom, then holding the prisoner down while Officer Justin Volpe tortured him with a broken broom stick. The case has raised tensions between police and the community. Thousands of people have turned out for demonstrations and it has become the basis of a multimillion dollar lawsuit filed by Louima.



## **Lawsuit Filed Over Shooting of Tyisha Miller - May 19**

Johnnie Cochran announced a wrongful death lawsuit filed in the US District Court on behalf of the family of 19 year old Tyisha Miller, who was shot to death by four Riverside Ca. Policemen while she was unconscious in her car. Charging a violation of Tyisha's rights; including wrongful death, assault and battery, and negligence; the lawsuit names the city of Riverside and the four officers. At no time did she present an imminent threat of harm and she made no aggressive or provocative movement toward them.

The Riverside District Attorney failed to prosecute the officers involved. Cochran stated that the fact the Ms. Miller was Black had an impact on the way the officers conducted themselves. The complaint alleges that, with weapons drawn, several officers yelled racial epithets and obscenities at the unconscious Miller, broke the driver's window and fired their weapons until she was dead. Twenty-four shots were fired and at least 12 struck her. Mr. Cochran will make available a witness who observed these police officers high-fiving one another with joy and glee.

Over a 3 year period, 66 excessive force complaints have been filed against the Riverside police. Data from the Dept. of Justice reports show that Blacks are 4 times more likely to be stopped than whites in Riverside. Hispanics are twice as likely to be stopped as whites.

It's About Time believes that everyone has a right to defend themselves by any means necessary. We must combat the rampant police abuse in our communities.

## **Black Panther Party Birthday Celebration -**

**OCTOBER 23 AND 24<sup>TH</sup> IN OAKLAND, CA.**

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## Angola Inmates Punished Harshly for Peaceful Protest

(from the Angola 3 Support Committee)

In mid-May, four inmates in CCR (Closed Cell Restricted) solitary confinement unit of Angola Penitentiary in Louisiana were moved to punishment Camp J for allegedly posing a "threat to security". In truth, the four men were part of a collectively-led peaceful protest against worsening conditions in CCR. The majority of the men in CCR – at least 66 inmates – refused to eat, watch TV, or leave their cells for 2 days. The men had voted to end their protest after 2 days when Warden Burl Cain promised them that he would visit them and discuss their grievances. According to Angola regulations, this 2-day fast did not even qualify as a hunger strike (inmates must refuse food for 3 days to qualify as a hunger strike under Angola regs). Despite this fact, the four so-called leaders were rounded up and sent to Camp J before the warden came, charged with "inciting a hunger strike" and "posing a threat to security". They were quickly convicted in a disciplinary hearing inside the prison.

The CCR men sent to Camp J include David Carr, Barbette Williams, Herman Wallace, and Robert King Wilkerson. Albert Woodfox asked to be moved to Camp J as a sign of solidarity. Instead, he is being held in the area of CCR known as "the dungeon".

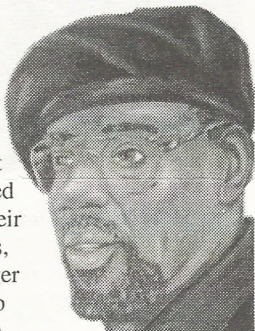
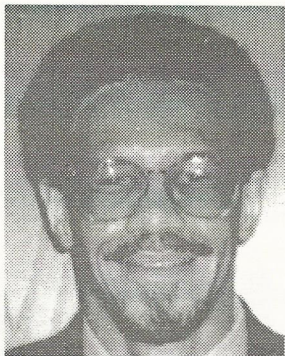
The hunger strike was meant to peacefully protest the regressive policies enforced since the state of Louisiana resumed control of Angola in February. The Federal Courts had overseen the prison since 1973, when a group of prisoners sued over human rights abuses. In the last 4 months, inmates have lost many privileges, even though they have done nothing wrong. Mail is being lost, destroyed and delayed. Prisoners are no longer allowed to order parts to repair broken radios and typewriters. Even exercise time has been cut back. Three times a week, CCR inmates used to have the option of spending their one hour outside their cell outdoors in the "yard". Lately, even this most basic physical and psychological need has been curtailed.

CCR is supposed to be a nonpunitive environment. Inmates are not sent there for violating institutional rules, but for security reasons, or their own request for self-protection. However, prison officers with immediate authority over CCR are former administrators of Camp J, the extreme punishment unit, and they are used to treating inmates with hostility.

For the safety of all the inmates in CCR and the men who have been singled out as leaders (especially the Angola 3), it is imperative that we call, write and fax the following officials. Let them know that people are watching and that the men of CCR deserve respect and humane treatment. Demand that the inmates being punished in Camp J for uniting in peaceful protest be returned to their normal cells and that all charges against them be dropped.

Gov. Mike Foster  
PO Box 94044  
Baton Rouge, LA 70804  
Ph. (225) 342-7015  
Fax (225) 342-7099

Warden Burl Cain  
Louisiana State Penitentiary  
Angola, LA 70712  
ph. (225) 655-4411  
fax. (225) 655-2319



## Robert King Wilkerson

Robert King Wilkerson was first convicted of an alleged armed robbery in 1970, at the age of 27. While imprisoned in the New Orleans Parish Prison, he met and interacted with members of the Black Panther Party and began his political awakening and commitment. He participated in actions to protest the harsh conditions in the prison. By the time he was transferred to Angola, he was labeled as an organizer and Panther and was immediately placed in CCR. The reason given was that he was being investigated, and that so-called investigation has continued for 27 years. He arrived at Angola after the death of Officer Miller in 1972, but was immediately isolated and threatened for helping other inmates with legal work. He was the person who wrote and filed Albert Woodfox's post-conviction appeal which resulted in his receiving a second trial. In order to justify his continued isolation in CCR, King was framed for the murder of another prisoner in 1973. August Kelley was killed after he pulled a knife on another inmate, Grady Brewer who was also armed. He was killed in self-defense, and King had nothing to do with it. He was indicted, along with Brewer, and convicted based on coerced testimony of two other inmates. They have since recanted their testimony in sworn affidavits. One even stated that the associate warden wrote his original testimony. Despite this, King is still struggling through the court system to get his conviction overturned, and he remains in isolation for 27 years. He is now in punitive Camp J for participated in a peaceful protest (see article on Angola Inmates Protest). You can write to him at: Robert King Wilkerson #80966. Camp J Louisiana State Penitentiary, Angola, LA 70712

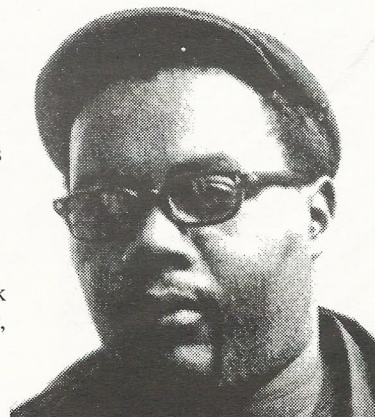
For more information or to help:

Angola 3 Support Committee  
PO Box 221100  
Sacramento, CA 95822

Angola 3 Support Committee  
PO Box 15644  
New Orleans, LA 70175  
(504) 227-5946

## Wilbur Holiday (Capt. Crutch)

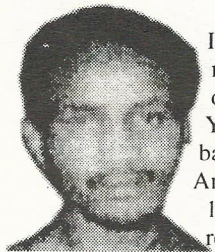
Capt. Crutch was a captain in the BPP working out of Central Headquarters. He helped to organize the Party in the early days, 1967. He helped organize the Free Huey Rally at the courthouse and was in the delegation to the United Nations in 1968 which protested Huey's incarceration and the genocide against Black people in the U.S. This warrior is now very ill and bedridden. We wish him a quick recovery. For more information, write to It's About Time, PO Box 221100, Sacramento, Ca 95822.





## Diallo Murder Sparking a National Movement for Change

(excerpts from article by Ron Daniels, executive director of the Center for Constitutional Rights)



It is increasingly clear that the senseless police murder of Amadou Diallo, an unarmed 22 year old vendor from Guinea, West Africa, in New York is the proverbial straw that broke the camel's back in terms of the reaction of Africans in America. The 41 shots that were fired at Amadou, 19 of which fatally pierced his body, have reverberated around this country, Africa and the world. From Rodney King to Abner Louima, the immoral detention of Mumia Abu Jamal, the burning of Black churches, to the brutal lynching of James Byrd in Jasper, Texas, the decades of blatant neglect to the growing police occupation, intimidation, brutality and murder in Black communities and the explosive growth of the prison-jail industrial complex, a new national movement to fight for social justice and social change is being born.

For more than two decades, a mean spirited, conservative, anti-Black backlash has engulfed this country; a backlash characterized by attacks on civil rights and affirmative action, drastic reductions in social programs for poor and working people and an emphasis on more police, tougher sentencing and more prisons. Politicians of both political parties moved to the right, catering to disaffected and angry White constituencies that became convinced that the civil rights/human rights revolution was undercutting and diminishing the rights of White people. As this massive anti-Black onslaught unfolded, there have been sporadic sparks of resistance and fighting back, but by and large Black people have been remarkably passive and silent.

In New York, Rudolph Giuliani, having defeated David Dinkins, the first African-American mayor of the city, unleashed the police on Black and Latino communities under the guise of "zero tolerance" and "quality of life" policing. Panhandlers, squeegee men, street vendors and the homeless were harassed and attacked. Giuliani also created an "elite" Street Crimes Unit to implement a policy of "aggressive" policing which involved massive sweeps of targeted "high crime" areas. More than 45,000 people have been stopped and frisked by this unit over a period of 18 months. This same unit is also responsible for the death of several Black and Latino young men. Its latest victim is Amadou Diallo. His only crime was that he fit the "profile" of a dangerous person – a young Black man in urban inner city America.

The shocking police murder of Amadou Diallo has served as a dramatic wake-up call to Blacks in New York and around the nation. New York City has not witnessed such a massive outcry for justice since the era of the '60s. Under the leadership of Rev. Al Sharpton, a resistance movement has been unfolding involving thousands of Black people, Latinos, Asians and progressive Whites who have taken to the streets to demand justice for Amadou Diallo and an end to police brutality and misconduct.

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## The Legal Right to a People's Militia

(excerpts from an article by Roger Wareham, December 12<sup>th</sup> Movement, reprinted from Nation Time, summer 1999)

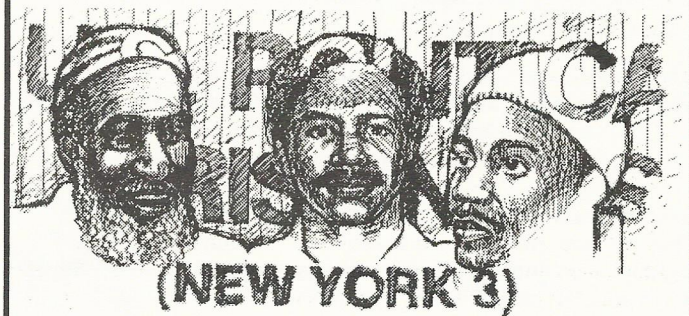
Amadou Diallo was killed simply because he was Black. The position taken by Adolph Giuliani, the Commander-in-Chief of the New York City Police Department, is that his troops can do whatever they want in our community because we will not defend or protect ourselves.

It is for these reasons that the December 12<sup>th</sup> Movement is calling community forums to discuss the legal right of the Black and Latino community to have a People's Militia. "A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed," Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Our People's Militia would be a vehicle to educate, organize and mobilize our community to exercise our legal right to defend and protect ourselves from illegal police terror. This right is well grounded in the United States' Declaration of Independence, its Constitution and throughout its history.

In the wake of the murder of Amadou Diallo by a NYPD death squad, the debate on the legal right to form a people's militia is intensifying and momentum is growing. Hundreds of people have attended the legal forums in Brooklyn and Harlem in previous weeks. The discussions, led by Viola Plummer, Roger Wareham, Esq., and Jomo Thomas, Esq., have focused on the human right to self-determination and self-defense according to international law; and in the realm of u.s. law: a critical analysis of the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment to the u.s. Constitution and the u.s. Declaration of Independence which states: "...But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing inevitably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them (the People) under absolute Despotism, it is their (the People's) right, it is their duty to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security..."

## FREE THE NEW YORK 3



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## Free the Chattanooga 3

By JoNina Abron

I am writing to urge your support of three Black activists who face up to a year in prison for protesting against police brutality in Chattanooga, Tennessee, last year.

Lorenzo Komboa Ervin and Damon McGhee, organizers for Black Autonomy Copwatch, and Mikail Musa Muhammad (Ralph R. Mitchell) were arrested on May 19, 1998, after Copwatch organized a large rally against police brutality at Chattanooga City Hall. The rally was held to protest the April 28 and May 7, 1998, police killings of two Black men, Montrail Collins and Kevin McCullough. Collins was shot 17 times, sustaining several bullets while lying injured on the ground. Police allege that he fired first at an officer. Witnesses said there was no "shootout". McCullough, who was unarmed, was killed at his job where three officers went to arrest him on an alleged rape charge. Co-workers of McCullough said that police had been harassing him for weeks before he was killed.

Following the killings, Copwatch monitored police activities and called for community control of the police. On May 19, the day of the regular meeting of the Chattanooga City Council, over 150 people participated in the Copwatch demonstration at City Hall. The chairman of the City Council promised that Lorenzo, who is a former member of the Black Panther Party and a veteran organizer against police brutality and racism, could address the council. However, when the scheduled time came for Lorenzo to speak, he was ignored and told, "We will not hear from you." When he took over the meeting and began to read a statement denouncing police brutality, Lorenzo was seized, beaten and arrested by police. Damon and Mikail, who defended Lorenzo against the police, were also beaten and arrested. The three were jailed on "disruption" charges.

Chattanooga has a long history of police brutality, ranking No. 1 among U.S. cities with populations under 200,000 for reported acts of police brutality. There has also been considerable Ku Klux Klan violence in the city. The prosecution of the Chattanooga 3 is an attack on free speech and Black political dissent and a continuation of FBI COINTELPRO tactics used thirty years ago to destroy the Black Liberation Movement. The case also has potential national implications. "Disruption" laws similar to that of Tennessee which impose prison sentences for political protests, exist in almost every state. If Lorenzo, Damon and Mikail are convicted, a dangerous legal precedent may be set that could be used by those states who have not yet enforced their "disruption" laws.

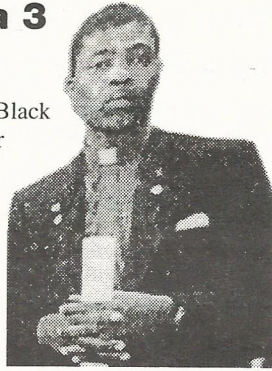
The Committee to Defend the Chattanooga 3, a local group, needs your help to protest the political frame-ups of Lorenzo Ervin, Damon McGhee and Mikail Muhammad. Please join the international campaign to support these courageous activists.

Write or e-mail Bill Cox, Hamilton County District Attorney, City-County Courts Building, 601 Market St., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Chattanooga, TN 37402; e-mail BillCox@heda.cps.k12.tn.us and Chattanooga Mayor Jon Kinsey, 101 E. 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Chattanooga, TN 37402-1403, e-mail mayor@mail.chattanooga.gov

Demand that the charges against the Chattanooga 3 are dropped.

### All Power to the People!!

Committee to Defend the Chattanooga 3  
2014 Citico Ave, Chattanooga, TN 37404 (423) 622-7614



## Freedom for Nebraska's Political Prisoners

### WHO ARE THESE MEN?

Ed and Mondo (then in their twenties) former Black Panther leaders in Omaha at the time of their arrest, August 1971. Both men were active in the Black community, which at the time was subjected to harassment, brutality and aggressive tactics used by the local police.

From 1966 to 69, four Blacks and two whites were shot by Omaha police, one a 14 year old Black girl shot in the back and killed by a white policeman.



An anonymous letter sent to the National Black Panther Party resulted in the expulsion of the Omaha Chapter. The Omaha Chapter reorganized and changed their name to the Committee to Combat Fascism (NCCF) and continued to operate. It was during this time that police stepped up surveillance and harassment of members of this group.

On August 17, 1970 a Omaha policeman, Larry Minard, was killed by a booby-trapped bomb in a vacant house in the Near North Side. Duane Peak is arrested and confesses to the bombing. In his second statement to police, Peak implicated six others including several of his relatives, but not Mondo or Ed. After being offered a deal, Duane Peak (14 years of age at the time) implicated Mondo and Ed, who were arrested and charged with murder. Ed and Mondo were convicted and sentenced to life in prison, twenty-eight years ago, and both continue to assert their innocence.



After many months and several attempts to acquire FBI files, some 2000 pages specifically relating to the Omaha Panther activities were received. FBI files documented illegal law enforcement activity connected with the case.

Since their conviction there have been several appeals and additional efforts to bring justice to these men, all to no avail. Copies of FBI and ATF (Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms) memo's obtained revealed that Omaha Police cooperated in suppressing evidence at the trial in 1970.

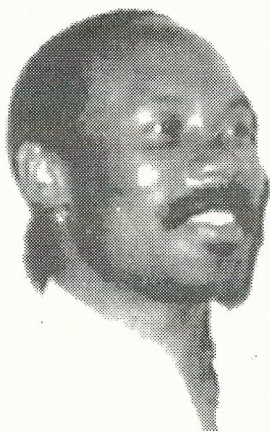
Many organizations have attempted to bring the case to national attention. Amnesty International, in the U.S. and internationally has supported efforts to free Ed and Mondo. The British Broadcasting Company (BBC) has also produced a video documentary on the case.

The Nebraska Parole Board continues to recommend commutation for both men. Petitions continue to be filed on behalf of ED and Mondo.

Write to: Ed Poindexter, Lino Lakes Correctional Facility  
7525 4<sup>th</sup> Ave., Lino Lakes, MN 55014-1099

Mondo we Langa, Nebraska State Penitentiary  
PO Box 2500, Lincoln, NE 68542-2500

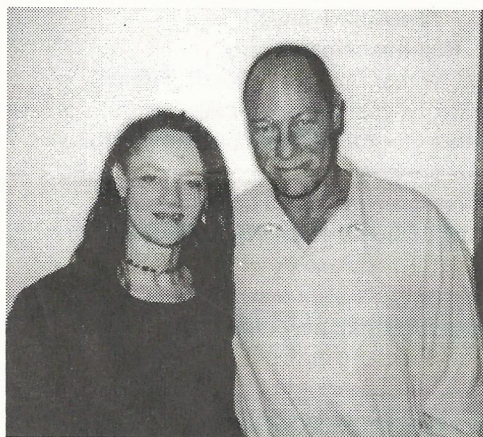




## **ROMAINE CHIP FITZGERALD**

A former Black Panther Party member has been in prison for almost 30 years. Chip is recovering from a stroke he suffered last year. For more information or to offer support. You can write Chip at:

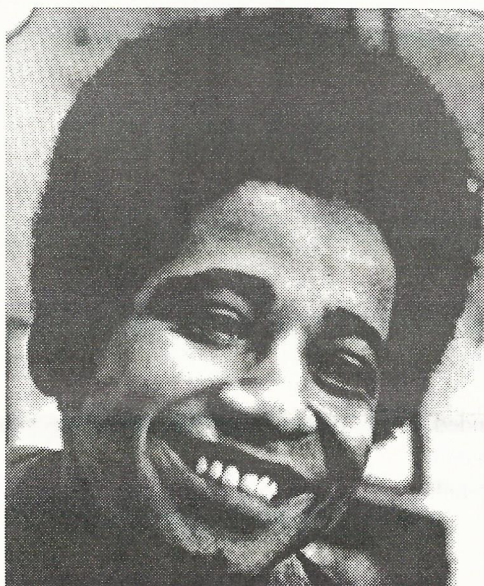
**Romaine Fitzgerald**  
B27527-CSP-SAC-FB 4132  
P.O. Box 290066  
Represa, CA 95671-0066



## **WARREN WELLS & KATHLEEN CLEAVER**

Warren Wells is one of the early Party members and was a key organizer for the Party in the Bay Area. Was involved in the April 6 shootout in which "Lil" Bobby Hutton was murdered in 1968. Warren is currently incarcerated at Mule Creek State Prison. You can Write him at:

**Warren Wells**  
#B-23864 - P.O. Box 409000, A3-242  
Ione, CA 95640



## **EMORY DOUGLAS & TARIKA LEWIS**

Speaking at Bobby Hutton Day  
April, 1999  
Oakland, CA



## **GEORGE JACKSON**

Murdered, August 21, 1971



## **ELDRIDGE CLEAVER**

A memorial concert was held in May for Eldridge Cleaver in N.Y. Emory Douglas, former Minister of Culture spoke, Kathleen Cleaver, musical performance was by Max Roach and Niles Rogers.



## TO THE EXTREME

*In memory of  
Huey P. Newton*

To the extreme  
He picked up where Malcolm ended.  
Ten-Point Program was the plan implemented.  
"Protect the people!"  
"Feed the babies!"  
Reprimanding all pigs.  
"I'll kill you mother fuckers!" In self-defense.  
Pretty boy with a gun, that didn't take no shit.  
A Black Panther growling, as he raised up his fist.  
A black cat prowling, as he quoted the law.  
They hated smart niggers, so a cop took a shot.  
But, sticking to the program, Huey shot, too.  
One cop dead, one Panther with a wound.  
To the extreme is what a man needs to be  
To breathe to life what most men only dream.  
Freedom or death  
Left or right  
Now or never  
Live or die  
Love or hate  
War or peace  
Extremists, beware in taming the beast  
That lurks in your nature and destroys if released.  
Lurking in the darkest corners of your mind.  
Waiting for its chance, if revolution dies.  
To the extreme is what came into play  
When revolution was traded in for cocaine.  
In Huey's name,  
Self-slain,  
Say it ain't so.  
Say America didn't lose another black hero  
Feeling hurt and sad, 'cause we lost our dad,  
Proud Papa Panther, whose life turned bad.  
Where Malcolm's life began is where Huey's ended.  
Dope-dealing to our people, and pimping our women.  
Where Malcolm's life ended, is where Huey's began.  
To the extreme –  
Revolutionary sin.

By Adrian Jasper, 1997  
Sacramento, CA

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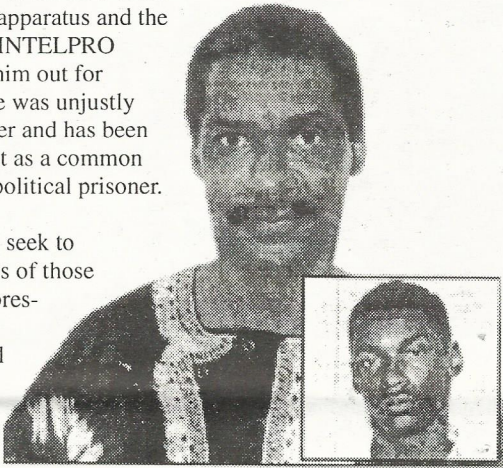
## Justice for Marshall Eddie Conway

Marshall Eddie Conway has been held prisoner by the state of Maryland since April 1970. He was one of leading members of the Baltimore Chapter of the BPP at the time that the state apparatus and the FBI instigated COINTELPRO operation singled him out for persecution. Eddie was unjustly convicted of murder and has been held ever since, not as a common criminal, but as a political prisoner.

We call on all who seek to guarantee the rights of those who challenge oppression to support the release of Marshall Conway. You can

write a letter to the Governor who is being called upon to commute his sentence. Write and encourage her to do the right thing and release him. Write to:

The Honorable Kathleen Kennedy Townsend  
State House  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401



Marshall "Eddie" Conway (above) after 25 years in prison and (inset) at the time of his arrest in 1970.

## Women Behind Bars

Amnesty International recently released a report on human rights violations of women incarcerated in the U.S. "Not Part of my Sentence" is an indictment of female incarceration practices across the country. It documents instances of rape, sexual coercion, inadequate healthcare and other forms of abuse.

A.I. also notes the sharp increase in the number of women imprisoned in this country. In 1997, 138,000 women were incarcerated in prisons and jails, more than three times the number in 1985. The numbers are even greater now, and most women are jailed for crimes related to poverty, drugs or domestic violence.

Multiple accounts of sexual assault and medical neglect are documented in the report. One woman in California was denied medication for blood clots in her legs and eventually had to have a foot amputated. Another complained about a lump in her breast in 1985, but wasn't given a mammogram until 9 years later, when cancer had spread so far that both breasts had to be removed. There are many stories of sexual abuse by prison guards. It is very difficult to have a perpetrator brought to justice because many women are victimized further if they complain. There are even instances of guards delivering women prisoners to male prisoners housed nearby.

Amnesty International calls on all Federal, State and Local authorities to take urgent action to ensure that women who have been deprived of their liberty are not also deprived of basic human rights and respect.

You can order the report "Not Part of my Sentence" Violations of the Human Rights of Women in Custody through Amnesty International Publications, 322 Eighth Ave, New York, NY 10001 or through their website: [www.amnesty-usa.org](http://www.amnesty-usa.org)

## State Prison Inmates' Right to Federal Appeals is Cut

The Supreme Court further limited state prison inmates' access to federal courts, ruling that prisoners generally cannot pursue claims they did not raise before their states' highest courts.

Ruling 6-3 against an Illinois man convicted of rape, the justices acknowledged their decision may boost the number of appeals to states' top courts. The increased burden "may be unwelcome in some state courts," Justice Sandra Day O'Connor wrote.

The ruling continued a decade-long trend in which the justices have narrowed state inmates' access to federal courts. Congress also limited such access in a 1996 law aimed primarily at speeding up executions.

O'Connor wrote that if a state allows an inmate to ask the state's highest court to review a claim, the prisoner cannot bypass that step before going to federal court.

State prisoners must give the state courts one full opportunity to resolve any constitutional issues by invoking one complete round of the state's established appellate review process," she said.

## Legislative Update on Cuba: Time to End the Embargo

Several bills have again been introduced in Congress to lift the Cuban Blockade. Ask your representatives in the House to co-sponsor HR230, the Rangel bill, and HR1644, the Serrano/Leach bill, to end the blockade of food and medicines on Cuba. Ask your Senators to co-sponsor S926, the Dodd/Warner bill and encourage them to work toward passage of these bills.

Talking points: U.S. sanctions are hurting innocent Cubans and Cuba is no threat to U.S. security. Cuba will be a strong market for U.S. businesses.

There is no reason to continue the sanctions.

Addresses: U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20510 U.S. House of Representatives, Washington DC 20515  
Capitol switchboard (202) 224-3121

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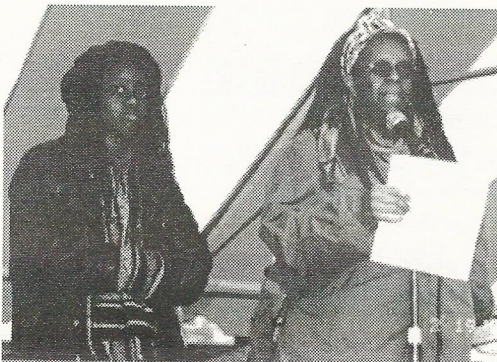
*Sponsored by the Black Family Reunion Day Committee*



## Standing up For Mumia

It's About Time sponsored an event for Mumia on April 17 in Sacramento, CA. A cross section of the community came out to show their support, including students, parents, teachers and business owners.

Minister Imhotep of Wo'Se Community Church opened with libations. V.S. Chochezi was a fantastic emcee and along with Staajabu provided us with inspirational poetry – Thanks to Straight Out Scribes!



Reverend Tim Malone, a member of SNCC in the 60's, provided an overview of the struggle. Sounds of Africa came from Ebo Okokan, drummers and dancers with a first class performance; special thanks to Ken Richards. Progressive singers Diane Patterson and Kelly Conway provided great lyrics and poetry.

The video "Millions for Mumia" was shown courtesy of the International Action Center in San Francisco. Staajabu gave us an update on Mumia's case and Carl Pinkston from the Black Radical Congress/

Black Caucus gave a rousing speech on getting involved in the struggle.



Thanks to all other contribu-

tors, including poet Adrian Jasper, performers – Soul Clap, Big Will, D-Reel, Blackmail, Funk Mob and Danza Mexica - Cuahtemoc Dancers. We also heard from representatives of AIM, Zapatista Solidarity Alliance, the All African Peoples' Revolutionary Party, and Emry Allen, one of the attorneys for Manny Babbitt (Vietnam veteran recently executed by the State of CA).

A caravan/carpool was organized at the event to take people to the national Millions for Mumia march in San Francisco the following week.

### Driving While Black

The ACLU has launched a new website on racial profiling and driving while Black. It includes a form to report improper traffic stops by the police, a down-loadable card that provides advice to anyone stopped by police, and faxable letters to Congress in support of federal legislation to end racial profiling.

For more information or to file a report, visit the website: [www.aclu.org/profiling/](http://www.aclu.org/profiling/)

## April 24<sup>th</sup> Mobilization to Free Mumia Abu-Jamal



A magnificent, youthful, multi-racial crowd of 25,000 marched across San Francisco in defense of Mumia Abu-Jamal. Over 50,000 people

attended the coordinated actions in San Francisco and Philadelphia, making April 24<sup>th</sup> the largest demonstration for a U.S. political prisoner in modern history.

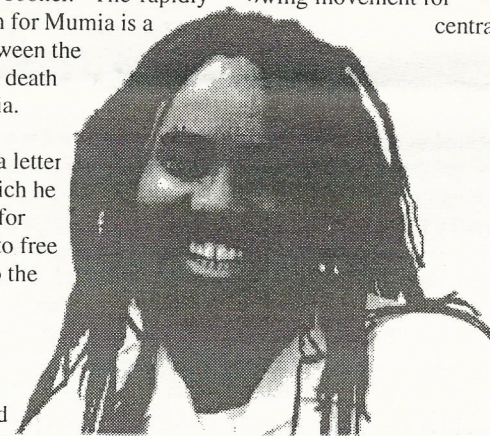
The March was led by a 300 strong contingent of the International Longshoremen and Warehouse Union from Seattle to San Diego. The ILWU voted to shut down shipping ports on the West Coast on April 24 to express their solidarity with Mumia.

There was a variety of speakers, from Angela Davis to Ed Asner. Bill Babbitt, brother of Manny Babbitt spoke out to ask for support for his brother, a Vietnam vet recently executed by the State of CA. The largest component on both coasts was the tens of thousands of high school, college, and working class youth who came out to fight against social injustice and racism.

Music was provided by Boots and the Coup performing hits from "Steal this Album"; Babatunde, E.W. Wainwright's African Roots of Jazz and the Black Dot Collective.

Mumia's chief legal counsel, Leonard Weinglass told Philadelphia marchers that a second warrant for Mumia's execution could be signed by October, if not sooner. The rapidly growing movement for justice and freedom for Mumia is a central factor standing between the government's legal death machine and Mumia.

Kiilu Nyasha read a letter from Mumia in which he expressed his love for everyone working to free him, and pointed to the injustice system in America.



Amnesty International has expressed concerns around the legal process used to sentence Mumia to death and AI has committed itself to undertaking a thorough evaluation of the trial, assessing whether it was conducted in line with international standards of jurisprudence. They hope to complete their review by the fall of 1999.

**FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS!!!**



## Families with a Future

Families with a Future (FWAF) is an expanding network of advocates dedicated to keeping incarcerated women united with their children. Founded by former political prisoner Ida McCray Robinson, FWAF recognizes the tremendous pain children suffer when they lose a parent to prison. Our mission is to support the children.

FWAF provides funds for travel and lodging, making visits possible for families who would otherwise not be able to see each other. It sponsors support groups for children whose parent are doing time and sends money for phone calls home to prisoners in the Federal system where there is no way to call collect.

Eighty percent of women in prison have young children. More than 60% of women in prison are women of color. There are three times as many women in federal prison as there were a decade ago.

This massive incarceration is tearing apart families and is destroying our communities. You can help to preserve the rights of prisoners and their families in this hostile political climate. Send your donation to Families with a Future, c/o Legal Services for Prisoners with Children, 100 McAllister St., San Francisco, CA 94102 phone: (415) 255-7036, ext 320; [www.igc.org/justice/fwf](http://www.igc.org/justice/fwf)

## Liberation Summer Project

The Liberation Summer Project (LSP) was born out of the spirit of the Freedom Summer of 1964 when SNCC (Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee) mobilized student activists from across the country and sent them into the south to battle for freedom and equality in the belly of the beast. What began in the summer of '64 has become a vision for community empowerment and youth employment in the 1990's and beyond. LSP was initiated in 1996 and brings interns from around the country to spend 8 weeks of their summer living and working in a communal atmosphere in Selma, Alabama, the heart of the black belt south.

The interns, who have ranged in age from 16 to 26, develop and implement their own programs under the guidance of a few dedicated point persons from the community. Some of the programs LSP has offered include the Children's Breakfast and Lunch Tables, a feeding program for youth in local housing developments that includes educational and enrichment activities; Voter registration, political education, self-defense training, Afrikan Dance & Drum classes and many others. The interns are paid a stipend at the end of their term.

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## David Hilliard and the Huey P. Newton Foundation

(Editorial)

Recently, Michael Swift, a former BPP member from Sacramento, won a lawsuit against David Hilliard and the Huey P. Newton Foundation. He was awarded \$70,000 after being assaulted by David for selling BPP memorabilia at the Berkeley flea market.

I have been talking to many comrades and investigating the Huey P. Newton Foundation for several months. I have discovered that the Foundation is a front for David Hilliard and Frederika (Freddie) Newton to exploit the legacy of the Black Panther Party.

They sold the BPP archives, which they took possession of after Huey's death, to Stanford University for somewhere between \$200,000 to 1 million dollars, depending on the source. What was done with this money and other foundation grants they received of over \$50,000? The people saw no programs. No political prisoners or their families have received any support or have even been contacted by them. There are over 20 BPP members still in prison across the country. Malik Rahim (New Orleans BPP) of the Angola 3 Defense Committee talked to David personally about the brothers who are locked up in Angola and need legal assistance. David said he was too busy to help.

The Huey P. Newton Foundation website mission statement states they are keeping the legacy of the BPP alive? We would like to know how. The only public program they have is a bus tour of BPP historical sites in Oakland. This program was financed by a grant from City Hall and local politicians. They still charge people \$10-\$20 to take the bus tour.

David, shame on you. Where were you and the Huey P. Newton Foundation at the BPP reunion in 1996. Where were you on Geronimo Appreciation Day in West Oakland in 1997. Over 4000 people came out, but you were absent. Where were you at Bobby Hutton Day in 1998 and 1999, a celebration of Bobby's life held a few blocks from your house.

David speaks of knowing Mumia, but where were you on April 24, Millions for Mumia March?

David Hilliard and the Huey P. Newton Foundation is a fraud. They have been sending letters to groups and news outlets around the country telling them they cannot use the Panther logo or pictures of Huey without their permission. They claim to own the rights to these items. Well David, over 40 Party members have died and hundreds went to jail or are exiled. The rank and file who did the daily work and defense of the Party own the legacy. Party memorabilia belongs to all of us. It has been paid for in sweat, blood and dedication. No individual owns the rights to the Party. Hero worship days are over.

Dare to Struggle, Dare to Win  
All Power to the People  
Billy X



## Pete O'Neal and Charlotte Hill

Arusha, Tanzania



Pete O'Neal was the founder and leader of the Kansas City chapter of the BPP. He has been in exile since 1970, fleeing after a conviction on gun charges which was politically motivated (Cointelpro). He and his wife, Charlotte, were both hard-working, dedicated Party members teaching political education and serving the people. They started the Free Breakfast Program which served hundreds of children.

Clarence Kelley was chief of police at the time and later became head of the FBI. O'Neal

accused Kelley of funneling weapons to white supremacist groups. In 1969, Kelley had federal agents arrest O'Neal on the charge of illegally transporting a gun across state lines. A year earlier he had bought a single shot shotgun for \$34 just across the border in Kansas City, Kansas. The police found the weapon on the Missouri side of the city, inside a car belonging to another Panther.

Pete and Charlotte surfaced in Algeria in 1972 and then moved to Arusha, Tanzania, the country's second largest city. They started farming and bought their current farm 18 years ago in the village of Imabaseni, 13 miles from town. Charlotte said, "We knew nothing about farming or building. We were African-Americans out here in the bush. There was no electricity and sisters were carrying water on their heads for several miles."

The O'Neals have been building ever since, raising chickens and manufacturing sausage, mustard, relish and Kansas City style barbecue sauce. Pete has become a respected elder of the local Wameru tribe. They have a compound with a café with a mural of Malcolm X over the entrance. They have a theater in which they show documentaries and films or videos about the civil rights movement.



In 1991, they built the United African American Community Center, adorned with a BPP mural. The Center enlists foreign students to

build schools and clinics and sponsor training programs. Since 1994, they have run an exchange program for troubled Black youth from Kansas City. They try to teach the American teenagers about the strength of African families, something he believes many American Blacks have lost.

Pete says that if the BPP had concentrated on what we did best, our community programs, there is a good possibility that we could be a very powerful organization today (without Cointelpro!)

### Recommended Reading:

1. *The Black Panther Party Revisited* - by Charles J. Jones
2. *Assata* - by Assata Shakur
3. *Wretched of the Earth* - by Frantz Fanon
4. *Dark Alliances* - by Gary Webb
5. *The Cointelpro Papers* - by Ward Churchill and Jim VanderWall

### Recommended Videos

1. *All Power to the People - The BPP and Beyond* (see ad in this issue)
2. *The FBI's War Against Black America* (we found it at Blockbuster)
3. *Mumia - Live From Death Row, Interview with Mumia Abu-Jamal* (Available at Tower Videos)
4. *Yesterday is Not Too Soon - An Interview with Assata Shakur* (order from Legal Services for Prisoners with Children, 100 McAllister St., San Francisco, CA 94102 - \$20)

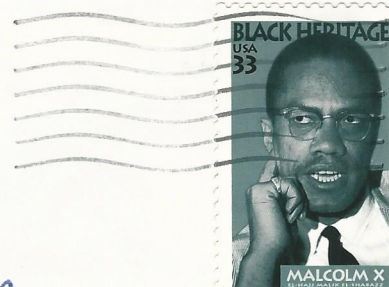
### Recommended Papers and Magazines:

1. *Color Lines Magazine*, 4096 Piedmont Ave., #319, Oakland, CA 94611-5221 Phone: (510) 465-9577/ fax (510) 465-4824, web: [www.arc.org](http://www.arc.org)
2. *Turning The Tide (People Against Racist Terror)* PART, P.O. Box 1055, Culver City, CA 90232 Phone: (310) 288-5003, e-mail: [part2001@usa.net](mailto:part2001@usa.net)
3. *Cross Road*, Spear and Shield Publication 1340 West Irving Park Road, Suite 108, Chicago, IL 60613
4. *Buffalo Chip*, CRA, 2127 S. 35 Ave., Omaha, NE 68105-3131
5. *Sling Shot Newspaper*, 3124 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley, CA 94705
6. *Blu Music & Magazine*, P.O. Box 517, New Paltz, NY 12561 1-800-778-8461, [revcenter@hotmail.com](mailto:revcenter@hotmail.com), [www.revolutioncenter.org](http://www.revolutioncenter.org)

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